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Sir:

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RESPONSE

Dear Examiner:

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the teleconference discussion on January 14, 2004 and his thoughts on the subject matter. In light of our discussion and the most recent Office Action of October 15, 2003, please consider the Applicant's following points and allow the pending claims in light of the cited art.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1, 3, 4 and 21 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for rationing ink in a printer, the printer having an ink supply for printing content on print media, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a print job comprising one or more sections of print content identified by metadata in which one or more of the sections of print content are assigned priority levels according to the metadata;

parsing the metadata associated with one or more sections of print content prior to printing the print job;

if the-a section of print content is assigned a priority level, printing the section of print content in a print mode that is appropriate for the priority level; and